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Docket No.: MAYERHOFER

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| In re Application of: |) |
| ROLAND MAYERHOFER et al. |) |
| Appl. No.: 10/563,080 |) Group Art Unit: 2854 |
| Filed: July 18, 2006 |) Confirmation No.: 8118 |
| For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A PRINTING PLATE FOR INTAGLIO PRINTING AND CORRESPONDING PRINTING PLATE |) |

SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference A) which was cited in a European Office Action issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding patent application No. 04 737 017.6. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

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| A) | Switzerland CH 484 752 A | De la Rue Giori | 03-13-1970 |

A copy of this reference is submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached reference has been considered and made of record.

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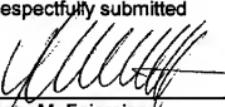
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In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference A) describes an engraved steel plate for printing including a nickel layer with a thin copper coating and a chromium top layer. The layers are removed from the grooves so that ink is picked up only by the latter and no wiping is necessary for the remainder of the plate surface.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art. Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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Examiner: /Joshua Zimmerman/ **Date considered:** 03/11/2008

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